

States. Provided, however, That notices be given by such discoverer or discoverers, as soon as practicable, to the State Department of the United States, of such discovery, occupation, and possession, verified by affidavit, describing said island, rock, or key, and the latitude and longitude thereof, as near as may be, and showing that such possession is actually

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That if any person shall discover or discoverers, or his or their assigns, any citizens of the United States, may be allowed, at the pleasure of the United States, the right of occupying said island, rocks, or keys, for the purpose of obtaining said gunns, and of selling and delivering the same to citizens of the United States, for the purpose of being used therein, and may be relieved of the duty thereon for every ton thereof delivered alongside a vessel in proper tugs, within eight days of ship's tackle, not exceeding either dollar per ton for the tonnage of the vessel, or one ton in its own right, at the place of deposit, *Provided*, that the said tonnage shall not be taken from said island, rock, or key except for the use of the citizens of the United States, or of persons resident therein, as aforesaid.

discoverers, or his or their assigns, shall first enter into bonds, with such penalties or securities as may be required by the President, to deliver the said guano to citizens of the United States, for the purpose of fertilizing the lands and waters thereof, and at the price aforesaid, and to provide all necessary facilities, for that purpose within a time to be fixed in said bond. And any breach of the provisions thereof shall be taken and deemed a forfeiture of all right or claiming under, and by virtue of this act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the introduction of guano from such islands, rocks, or keys, shall be regulated as in the coasting trade act, and the laws of the United States, and the same laws shall govern the vessels concerned therein.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed obligatory on the said islands, rocks, or keys, or on the said islands, rocks, or keys, as aforesaid, after the guano shall have been removed from the same.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to ratify and confirm any

val forces of the United States to protect the rights of the said discoverer or discoverers or the assigns, as aforesaid.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That no other provisions by law, all acts, decrees, and sentences or crimes committed, on every such island, rocks, or keys, by persons who may land there, or in the waters adjacent thereto, shall be heeded or taken into consideration, or counted against the high seas, on board of merchant ship or vessel belonging to the United States, and be punished according to the laws of the United States relative to such ships or vessels and offences on the high seas relating to the purposes aforesaid, but are hereby extended to and over such island, rocks, or keys.

Approved Aug. 19, 1856.

[PUBLISHED No. 62.]

AN ACT to extend the jurisdiction of the corporation of the City of Washington over the lower Potomac River, and to lay out a new branch of the same upon the upper Santee Branch, or Benning's Run, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America,

Congress assembled. That the bounds of the corporation of the City of Washington, be, and the same shall be, extended to the said bridge, to include the lower eastern branch or navy-yard bridge, and the said corporation be heavily empowered to adopt rules and regulations for the safety and security of property and of the persons crossing the said bridge.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to ride, drive, or lead any horse, mule, or other animal over the wooden part of the upper eastern branch of the said bridge, or to discharge any gun or other fire-arms on or under the said bridge, or from the causeway leading thereto; and all persons violating either of the provisions of this section shall forfeit and pay to the said corporation, for every such offence, more than ten, not less than five dollars, to be recovered in the name of the United States before any magistrate of the county of Washington and District of Columbia, money when so due to be handed over to the said corporation, and by them applied to such repairs and improvements of the said bridge, as may be necessary for the said road, leading to the bridge, as from time to time

may be required.

Approved August 18, 1856.

[PUBLIC—No. 63.]

AN ACT to reimburse the State of Vermont the expenses incurred by her in paying her militia called out in an expedition against the Indians of the Northwest, to the amount of one hundred and thirty-nine, to preserve the neutrality of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is, authorized and directed to pay to the State of Vermont, out of moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four thousand and nine dollars and eighteen cents, the same being the amount of the sum paid by the said State of Vermont for her militia called out to preserve the neutrality of the United States, then involved in the trouble on the Canada frontier.

Approved August 16, 1856.

[PUBLIC—No. 64.]

AN ACT for the improvement of the navigation of the Potomac river, and to render the port of Baltimore more accessible to the navigation of the said river.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, in deepening the channel of the Patuxent river, and in rendering the port of Baltimore accessible to the steam frigates and other war vessels of the United States.

IN SENATE, August 16, 1876.

The President of the United States having returned to the Senate, in which it originated, a bill entitled "An act for the improvement of the navigation of the Patuxent river, and to render the port of Baltimore accessible to the war vessels of the United States," with his objections thereto, the Senate proceeded in pursuance of its constitution to reconsider the same; and *Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, two-thirds of the Senators concurring thereon.

Attest, ASBURY DICKINS, Sec'y.

In the House of Representatives of the United States, Aug. 10, 1890.

The House of Representatives having been notified by the Senate that the bill entitled, "An Act for the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi river, and to render the port of Baltimore accessible to the war steamers of the United States," had been passed by the President, and his objections to the Senate in which it originated, and that the Senate having proceeded, pursuant to the constitution, to reconsider the same, had, *Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, two-thirds of the Senate agreeing thereunto, the House of Representatives proceeded, pursuant to the constitution, to reconsider the same, and

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives agreeing thereunto, the same.

Wm. CULLOM,
Clerk H. Reps. U. States.

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AN ACT to fix the graduation periods for lands in the Greenback district, in the State of Louisiana.

resolutions of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That in classifying unoccupied and unappropriated public lands in district of Greenburg, subject to sale, in the State of Louisiana, the committee have the honor to inform you that they have recommended that the Government should reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators." approved August fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, the respective portions therein referred to shall be conveyed to the persons to whom the same are subject to private entry, after the first or first offering of the same.

Approved August 18, 1856.

POLITICAL CLEVERGYMAN.—The Rev. John Holmes, a political clergyman of the Black Faction phase of the 3,500 who signed that Memphis protest, is a married man, with a wife and two children, who is now, as we have seen, associated with a girl of sixteen, the only daughter of a poor widow, leaving his own wife and two children in destitute circumstances. This is a twelfth case of seduction and ruin of young girls or of trafficking with them, which has been exposed by these political priests who signed that protest.

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